

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

BBT Grazing land - Livestock

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| Program: | Ranking Date: | Application Number: |
| Ranking Tool: BBT Grazing land - Livestock | | Applicant: |
| Final Ranking Score: | | Address: |
| Planner: | | Telephone: |
| Farm Location: | | |

National Priorities Addressed

| Issue Questions | Responses |
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| Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to: | |
| 1. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a water body? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to: | |
| 2. a. Increase groundwater recharge in identified groundwater depletion areas (http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html)? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and result in estimated water savings of at least 5% and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Clean Air: Treatment of Air Quality from Agricultural Sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to: | |
| 3. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. b. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. c. Increase carbon sequestration? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction - Will the proposed project assist the producer to: | |
| 4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to: | |
| 5. a. Benefit threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. b. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives - Will the proposed project assist the producer to: | |
| 6. a. Eradicate or control noxious or invasive species? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. b. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. c. Implement precision agricultural methods? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. d. Properly dispose of animal carcasses? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. e. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Energy Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to: | |
| 7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 7. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with more efficient equipment? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

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| 7. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that reduce emissions from GHGs and air pollutants? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in: | |
| 8. a. Implementation of all planned conservation practices within three years of contract obligation? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 8. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted, or will complete an existing conservation system? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Does the applicant meet the following conditions: | |
| 9. a. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract, has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 9. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 9. c. Is this the applicant's first EQIP application? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

State Issues Addressed

| Issue Questions | Responses |
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| 1. 1. Will 3 or more SWAPA elements be treated through this EQIP contract? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. 2. Will all contracted practices be management, vegetative or non-engineering type practices, or if engineering practices are included will the participant supply the engineering design certified by a licensed professional engineer?(This includes producer-selected TSP designs) | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. 3. Will practices be implemented to treat surface water quality concerns in a planning unit that is immediately adjacent to a 303d listed (category 4 or 5) waterbody, as shown on the WA DOE web-based map? (http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/wqawa/viewer.htm) | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. 4. Will the initial contract length be limited to 5 years or less?) | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. 5. Will contracted practices assist the producer in complying with AFO/CFO, Tribal or Forest Practices Act laws and regulations, or the Food Quality Protection Act? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. Is applicant certified as Socially Disadvantaged, Beginning, or Limited Resource Farmer/Rancher? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

Local Issues Addressed

| Issue Questions | Responses |
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| Grazing land - Livestock Application Category --- select all that apply | |
| 22. 1. Grazing land - Livestock Application Category..... Will a treatment system incorporating composting of animal waste be installed as part of a CNMP? Examples of a practice include: Composting Facility (317). 50 Point(s) | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 23. 2. Grazing land - Livestock Application Category..... Will a practice be applied for treatment and/or application of animal waste..... Evaluation may be based on case file information or applicant interview. Treatment of the problem will include the development and implementation of a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan. 50 Point(s) | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 24. 3. Grazing land - Livestock Application Category..... Will a previously grazed riparian area be fenced?..... "Livestock have uncontrolled access to riparian areas" Grant points if there are riparian areas that are not fenced and there is sufficient indication that grazing of domestic animals occur within these areas. Evaluation may be based on aerial photos, case file information, and applicant interview. Riparian areas are defined as ecosystems that occur along watercourses or water bodies. They are distinctly different from the surrounding lands because of unique soil and vegetation characteristics that are strongly influenced by free or unbound water in the soil. Riparian ecosystems occupy the transitional area between the terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems. Typical examples would include floodplains, stream banks, and lake shores. 115 Point(s) | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 25. 4. Grazing land - Livestock Application Category..... Does the applicant agree to apply prescribed grazing on the proposed contract acres? 130 Point(s) | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 26. 5. Grazing land - Livestock Application Category..... Does the application contain practices that will reduce contamination of a stream which supports listed anadromous salmonid?..... The stream can be either running through it, or be adjacent to as identified on the map (Distribution of Federally-Listed Salmon, Trout, and Char on Private and Tribal Lands dated September 2002). 50 Point(s) | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 27. 6. Grazing land - Livestock Application Category..... Is proposed contract area located within | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

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| the boundaries of the Wilson Creek Sub-basin Bacteria TMDL and includes a practice to reduce bacteria inputs to surface water?..... “Contract area contributes surface water runoff to the Wilson Creek sub-basin” Project shall receive points if: The TMDL boundaries are defined on the Wilson Creek Sub-basin map produced by the Kittitas County Conservation District August 2004. 50 Point(s) | |
| 28. 7. Grazing land - Livestock Application Category..... Will a practice be implemented improving grazing distribution within the planning unit? 150 Point(s) | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 29. 8. Grazing land - Livestock Application Category..... Will range planting be completed on a minimum of 100 acres or the entire range unit if smaller than 100 acres? 75 Point(s) | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 30. 9. Grazing land - Livestock Application Category.....Will Irrigation Water Management, Nutrient Management or Intergrated Pest Management be applied to improve ground and surface water quality? 25 Point(s) | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 31. 10. Grazing land - Livestock Application Category.....Will trees, shrubs (300minimum) and grass planting (1 acre minimum) or the entire corner will be established for wildlife habitat? Or will shrub steppe habitat be improved through native grass seeding and/or brush management? Or will forest stand improvement be applied to aspen stands greater than 1 acre in size? Or will Riparian Forest Buffer be implemented? (300 tree or shrub minimum) 75 Point(s) | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 32. 11. Grazing land - Livestock Application Category..... Will nesting habitat be developed for wildlife?..... (minimum 4 acres contiguous irrigated or 5 acres dryland grass plantings), or will a wildlife food plot be implemented? (Grain corn or wildlife mix on 1.5 contiguous acres irrigated or 5–10 acres of grain, dryland) 35 Point(s) | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

Land Use:

| Resource Concerns | Practices |
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Ranking Score

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| Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score: |
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

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| NRCS Representative: Signature Date: | Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy: Signature Date: |
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